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## CAUGHT NAPPING.

MEMBERS FROM TRENTON CAUSE MUCH EXCITEMENT IN BLOOMFIELD.

All about a Bill Dividing the Town of Bloomfield into two Townships of Glen Ridge.

The CITIZEN said last week that the members of the supposed defunct township of Glen Ridge were probably "napping" the township of Bloomfield. Subsequent developments have proved the correctness of the surmise.

Several dwellers on the Ridge felt a little piqued that any one should have the audacity to look upon this pet scheme as being dead, and in their eagerness to dissuade the public mind a very lively cat was let out of a concealed bag, and Bloomfield was thrown into a state of excitement over a rumor that a bill would be introduced into the Legislature on Monday night to set apart a portion of this township for the purpose of creating a new township.

The story got abroad on Sunday morning, and soon became the all-absorbing topic of conversation. Groups gathered on the streets and talked about it. Men on their way to and from church talked about it. The policemen talked about it, and could not conceive why the Town Committee did not order the wholesale arrest of Glen Ridgers at once.

Politicians talked about it and compared notes as to the best move to make. The women, who viewed the matter from a social standpoint, were puzzled. Town Committeemen were running to and fro, trying to devise a plan of action. It was concluded on all sides that Glen Ridge had now the biggest bomb-shell into which that had huddled for some time.

The excitement was not at all abated Monday. Men put their imaginations to work to fix the responsibility. The blame was generally accepted, though it may be entirely devoid of truth.

Joseph D. Gallagher and Robert S. Niven are charged with getting their bill introduced and framing the bill, and in the custody of A. S. Niven. Niven is charged with showing it to Hoboken, and there placing it in the hands of a trusted Hudson County Member of the Assembly with instructions to introduce it in the House.

Mr. Mitchell is charged with advising that it be introduced as a party measure to insure its passage. Arthur C. Woodcock is charged with giving orders to the surveyors to make the map of the proposed township.

The secrecy with which the plan was carried out, the fact that it was introduced to no notice, Sage Bloomfielders are confronted with the mortifying fact that they were caught napping. The ease with which the local politicians have knocked out Glen Ridge has caused the Ridge to be looked upon as of no consequence politically. In the higher moves of the game the Glen Ridge politicians have demonstrated the fact that they are not "napped at." Certain people of a retrospective turn of mind look back to the time when Governor Abbott spent a night in Glen Ridge, and allege that recent developments date their origin from that memorable night. Others less sentimental say that the disastrous defeat of Glen Ridge in the contest for a school trustee is the cause that has led to the present disaffection.

At the meeting of the Town Committee on Monday night one of the first things brought up was the Glen Ridge matter. The Committee were very much divided. They discussed the subject privately, and such remarks as "what Senator Barrett had said," and "what Assemblymen Kalsch, Hardin, and Dempsey had said," proved that the Committee had not been idle during the week. Every available man who had been in the remotest influence at Trenton last week, were sent.

Messrs. Gilbert and Rayner were appointed a committee to hurry off to the State Capitol on Tuesday morning and endeavor to checkmate the move. It was also decided to hold a public meeting of citizens in Dodd's Hall.

Messrs. Gilbert and Rayner went to Trenton on Tuesday. They hunted up Assemblyman Cole of Hudson County. He said he had the bill, and that it was introduced by Mr. Niven of Montclair. Mr. Cole showed them a copy of the bill, and showing that due notice had been given of the intention to introduce the bill. The Committee talked with Messrs. Kalsch, Hardin, Dempsey, and other Essex County members, all of whom were ignorant of the existence of the bill. The Essex County members were of the opinion that it could not be carried through the House, and they

promised to notify the Committee if it was introduced.

Joseph D. Gallagher, whose name had been brought into prominence in the matter, was asked if there was any truth in the rumor that he and Messrs. Rudd and Mitchell had a hand in the bill. Mr. Gallagher replied in the negative. He had not conversed with Mr. Rudd on the subject, and was doubtful if the latter knew anything at all about what was going on.

Mr. Mitchell was in entire ignorance of the scheme, and knew nothing about it until he read it in the newspapers. Mr. Gallagher said that shortly after the appointment of the Committee authorized by resolution at the meeting in Glen Ridge Hall, some of them came to him with a copy of the Verona bill and requested him to go over it and make such alterations as were necessary to make it apply to Glen Ridge. He did so, making a rough draft of a bill. Something was said at the time about introducing a bill in the Legislature. Mr. Gallagher advised against it, as it was too late. He was not aware that steps were taken to introduce it, and the announcement in the early part of the week was as much of a surprise to him as anybody. He favors a fair, free and open discussion of the whole matter, and is opposed to any "snap" movement.

Mr. Gallagher added that when he got ready to frame a bill for making a separate town of Glen Ridge, he would take good care to let the people of Bloomfield know all about it.

The Glen Ridge movement deeply concerns many important interests in the town, and not the least among them the Fire Department. A large portion of the executive element in the Truck Company reside in Glen Ridge, and they are loath to be legislated out of the finest fire brigade in the State. Many of them are puzzling their brains to devise some technicality by which they can retain their citizenship in Bloomfield. It is thought that by keeping a night-robe hung up in the American House and having their linen laundered at the Chinese laundry in the Centre, they will continue to be full-fledged citizens of Bloomfield and entitled to all the rights and privileges as such.

**Blasted Hopes.**  
An adverse vote in the House of Assembly on Monday night shattered the hopes of the numerous aspirants for the office of this county. The judicial ermine will not grace the shoulders of those who were reported as endeavoring to secure the coveted prize. Orders for "Blackstone," it is said, have been rescinded and the advent of a second "Daniel" to distinguish between the flesh and the blood of the law has been indefinitely postponed. A certain degree of dignity accompanies the varied vocations of life, but in none of them does it reach the same altitude nor is it more impressively exemplified than in the person of a Judge. Very few men are gifted by nature with the quantity of dignity requisite to grace an interpreter of the law. Bloomfield is blessed beyond measure in having so many citizens highly qualified in that respect. It is a matter of sincere regret that the opportunity to display this excellent quality has been denied to so many of our citizens. The burden of judicial dignity still rests upon the shoulder of our Justices of the Peace. They have maintained it well in the past.

**Ordered to Clear the Sidewalks.**  
Residents of the Glen Ridge district were surprised last Sunday morning by the summary notice served on them to clean the snow and ice from the sidewalks fronting their property. Acting under order, from the Chairman of the Township Committee, a policeman visited the dilatory residents and ordered them to have the sidewalks cleaned at once or submit to a penalty of five dollars fine. There is a township ordinance bearing on the subject. The summary enforcement of the ordinance gave rise to considerable indignant comment.

**Death of Rosie Noon.**  
Rosie Noon, nineteen years of age, daughter of the late James Noon and the niece of Thomas J. Flannery, with whom she has resided since the death of her parents, died on Thursday morning from consumption. Miss Noon's death is deeply deplored by her many friends. Her illness assumed a very serious turn on Wednesday night, and she realized that her end was near. Her last hours were spent in prayer and she met death peacefully. Funeral services will be held this morning at 8.30.

**Injured at the Car Stables.**  
George Slater had a narrow escape from serious injury last Saturday morning while getting off the horse-car at the stables on Bloomfield Avenue. The driver started just as Slater was stepping off, and he was crushed between the car and an iron post, bruising his body considerably. Mr. Slater talks of bringing suit against the company for damages.

**Timely Advice.**  
Right word at the right season. I am ready to clean your carpets with the least possible inconvenience to you. D. Douglas, Jr., No. 5-9 Park St., Montclair, N. J.—Advt.

## A REMODELLED CHURCH.

HOW THE BAPTIST CHURCH WAS REOPENED

An Improved Church Building—Services of Great Interest and Enthusiasm.

This week has been an occasion of much rejoicing to the Baptists of Bloomfield in connection with the reopening of their enlarged and improved place of worship. The first services were held last Sunday, when the pastor, the Rev. C. A. Cook, preached both morning and evening. His text in the morning was I Kings 8:11. "For the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord." He said this was the most significant event in connection with the dedication of Solomon's temple, and signified God's approval and acceptance of the house. Without God's presence in the house it could never have been a fountain of blessing to the people. And so what advantage will the improvements that have been made in this building be if we have not some unmistakable token from God that He graciously approves of what has been done, and accepts the building as His dwelling place. Our chief concern should be not what we think about the building, or what others think, but what does God think? The presence of God's glory teaches us to value the spiritual more than the material. Christians had better worship in a barn and have faith in God, than in His service, and love for souls, than have the most elaborately finished building and these things be lacking: The services of God's house were shown to be identified with all human interests. The highest welfare of the people is secured just as they maintain an intimate relation with the services of God's house. Those who neglect these services are losers in every way. The highest welfare of the community, the State, the nation, is advanced by the sanctuaries that are scattered all over the land. Remove these and in a generation this nation would sink into a condition worse than Babel's.

In closing his sermon Mr. Cook announced that the seats in the church were free and that the poorest in the community would be as welcome as the richest.

At the morning service no appeal was made for contributions. The church is a mission, which was one of the largest for that work in the history of the church.

In the evening the building was filled to its utmost capacity. The sermon was from the words, "We preach Christ crucified" I Cor. 1:23. Preaching the Gospel was shown to be the great work God had given the church to do, and by giving anything whatever more importance than preaching, the church became recreant to her divinely appointed duty. The preaching of Christ crucified is what the world needs to-day more than anything else. "This theme" included every other theme the true preacher was to speak upon, and it was a theme ever new and inexhaustible. Christ crucified had been preached for over eighteen hundred years and the subject was not yet worn out.

The singing of the choir, led by the new organ, was exceptionally good. The anthem in the morning was, "The Lord is exalted," and in the evening, "Seek ye the Lord," the solo of the latter being admirably rendered by Mr. E. M. Healy. The playing by Mrs. E. M. Baldwin showed that familiarity with the new instrument had been gained, and that the player had already learned how to bring out the sweetness and volume of its tone.

The meeting on Monday evening was a grand gathering of the Christian people of the various denominations to join with their brethren, the Baptists, in their time of rejoicing. After devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Rev. E. D. Clough of Orange, the pastor called attention to the dates 1851-1891 in immortality on an evergreen background, which hung just above him in the pulpit recess. It was explained that the church had really reached its fortieth anniversary on November 25, 1891, but it was arranged to postpone any formal celebration of the event till the church was reopened. Mr. Cook also called attention to the various changes and improvements which had been made. The rear wall stands fully two feet farther back than before. It is spanned by three gothic arches, beneath two of which are deep alcoves running back into the new building. In one of these stands the new pipe organ and the other is occupied by the pulpit platform and baptistery. The seating has been changed from chairs to pews, and there is room for about fifty more people.

The report of the Building Committee was read by the Chairman, Mr. D. G. Garabrant. A brief historical sketch of the building fund, which was started some twenty-five years ago, was given. The first money devoted to the work was a box of nickels collected by

one who had been a scholar in the school. Two legacies, one of \$500 and another of \$1,000 had been given the fund. Together the cash paid and the subscription to the fund amounted to about \$5,500, which is about \$3,500 short of the entire expenditures.

It is not possible to make more than a brief reference to the address delivered. Every speaker brought warm greetings and hearty congratulations and the feeling of fellowship and good will ran high. The Rev. H. W. Bantam, D. D., rejoiced in the improvement made, and as Baptists and Presbyterians were alike in the kingdom of Christ, any advantage gained by the one was an advantage to the other. He felt that he had a share therefore in the progress the Baptists were making. He congratulated the church on the improvements in their building. The Rev. R. B. Gilman said he had been supervising the building of the churches in Bloomfield during the last two or three years, and estimated that fully \$200,000 had been spent in church building. This spoke much for the people of the town. He expressed the hope that much spiritual blessing would now come to the church.

The Rev. J. J. Goodwin paid high compliments to the Baptist denomination for their loyalty to the Bible, and said the Baptist Church was admittedly the most orthodox church in the United States. The Rev. J. T. Dickinson of Orange brought "golden sympathy and shining words," and delivered an address of sparkling beauty, in which he commended the church for giving the best to the children, spoke of the happy relations between Pastor C. A. Cook and his people, and of the work they were doing in this best State to work in there was anywhere. The Rev. G. A. Paul, though last, was not least, and brought to a close a most attractive programme by a very happy address full of kind brotherly words. The meeting has been spoken of by those present as one of the best of the kind ever attended.

The evening service, which was held in the church, was a most successful one. The members of the other churches being fully represented. In the unavoidable absence of the President of the Endeavor Society of the Baptist Church, Mr. Harry L. Osborne, the pastor presided and gave an address of welcome to the visitors. The meeting took somewhat the form of a Young People's conference. Mr. Williams of Westminster church delivered an address on "How can we have the best young people's prayer-meeting?" Mr. Spaulding of the First Presbyterian Church on "How may the young people help the pastor?" Miss Galloway read a paper on "How may the young people help the Sunday school?" and a paper prepared by Mrs. F. J. Goodwin of Glen Ridge on "The Power of Sociability in the Church."

A home missionary's experience in the West," was given by Miss Ida Robinson Robinson of the Baptist Church. The feeling of sociability which followed, as the young people of the various churches mingled together and partook of refreshments provided by their hosts, was a crowning feature of this meeting.

Wednesday was the last great day of the feast. The previous meetings had fired the hearts of the people, and when Wednesday came the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The interest was sufficient to fill the church with a congregation in the afternoon at 4.30 to listen to a sermon by the Rev. D. D. MacLaurin of New York. The text was "And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:41. The sermon was a masterful discourse on the superiority of Christ over the best and the greatest men in the world's history.

The collation and evening meeting afforded opportunity for social reunion between present and former members of the church. Former members were present from New York, Elizabeth, Montclair, New York and Brooklyn, and letters were read from those who were now, and had been members of the church, from Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, Michigan, etc. Mr. D. G. Garabrant read a sketch of the church's history during the past forty years, and brief addresses were delivered by several who had been connected with the church in its early history.

The floral decorations were by Mr. John Rassbach, and were much admired by the members and visitors.

The excellent singing by choir, quartettes and soloists during the meetings was worthy the occasion, and elicited much favorable comment.

It has been a time of great joy with the Baptists, and will no doubt be looked back upon in the future as one of the brightest spots in their history.

Ladies' Cloth Top Shoes, in all widths, at Shoenthal's.—Advt.

## Notable Musical Event.

A concert will be given by the Lyric Ballad Company of New York on Wednesday evening, March 16, at the Sabbath-school room of the First Presbyterian Church, which promises to be one of the most notable musical events of recent years in Bloomfield.

Several members of this young but already successful musical organization have made an enviable reputation here on former occasions. Foremost among them, Mr. Carl E. Duff, a baritone whose strength, richness and delicacy of tone and rendering are rarely equalled, will be remembered as having been the chief soloist at the opening concert of the Madrigal Society and at an exceptionally good concert given at the Glen Ridge Church last winter. All who heard Mr. Duff on either occasion will be eager to avail themselves of this opportunity to hear him again, so thoroughly artistic and satisfying is his singing. The same may be said of the tenor, Mr. J. H. McKinley, who won most favorable opinions at the concert last mentioned, for his facile and effective use of an unusually brilliant voice.

Miss Isabel Rockwell, of Brooklyn, will now be heard in Bloomfield for the first time. Although a young singer, she has achieved a recognized place among the leading sopranos of the "City of Churches." Her voice is pronounced one of quite exceptional purity and power, and her execution is in every way up to the standard of the excellent company in which she will here be heard.

Miss Rosa Linde, who will also appear for the first time here, is considered by high musical authorities to have the best contralto voice heard in America since Miss Annie Cary withdrew from the stage. Miss Linde's voice has a phenomenal compass for a contralto of pure quality, ranging, as it does, three octaves, from low C to high C. It is at the same time even and beautiful in quality, of noble volume and under so thorough control as to make its possessor a lyric artist of altogether rare qualities.

Besides this array of unusual talent in the quartette above mentioned, the committee of the Young Men's Christian Association in charge have secured the services of the popular violinist, Miss Bertha Behrens, who is very widely and favorably known as holding a place in the ranks of the best violinists of the day.

The Lyric Ballad Company, which was organized by the members of the Lyric Association, has decided to attend this concert instead. "A word to the wise" ought to suffice.

To obtain the services of so many excellent musicians and secure for our community the enjoyment of a first-class concert, necessarily involves a large expense. It goes without saying that all who have good music can show their appreciation of this effort to provide the best by actively aiding to increase the sale of tickets. Reserved seats may be had at Wood's drug store. Price fifty cents.

**The Gift Entertainment.**  
An event of unusual interest during the past week was the gift entertainment of Eureka Association, Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, which took place on Monday night in Union Hall, State Street. Long before the hour of opening a large throng gathered at the doors. The hall was filled to overflowing, it being impossible to obtain standing room at eight o'clock. Hundreds were turned away.

The entertainment consisted of musical feats of a varied nature by Messrs. Winan and Bond of Newark and impersonations by Professor Leonard of New York. The programme was a good one and delighted the large audience. At 9.45 the drawing for prizes began. Over 2,000 coupons were drawn and the work was not completed until 3 A. M. Through the kindness of Arthur Spragg the association had the use of one of his new stores from which to distribute the prizes, and the Committee have been busy all the week.

The Committee desire to notify ticket-holders that to-day (Saturday) is the last day they will be present at the rooms, and all tickets are requested to be turned in, as the association will not be responsible for the custody of the articles after to-day. Every ticket-holder got a prize of more or less value. The affair was a financial success, and it is anticipated that the Association will net about \$800. This sum will equip Eureka Association in fine form, and it is expected that the Association will make a magnificent appearance at the meeting of the Supreme Lodge in Kansas City this year.

**Mr. Rudd Sails for Europe.**  
Township Committeeman - at - Large Robert S. Rudd sailed for Europe with his family this week to be absent eight months. This practical removal of Mr. Rudd from the town ends all uncertainty as to whether he will again be a candidate for Town Committeeman. Mr. Rudd's career as a township officer has been a disappointment to many of his supporters. His long continued absence from town was the cause of it, as there never was any question as to his ability. In fact he was regarded as one of the ablest men in the Committee, both from an executive and business point of view.

Note Shoenthal's new advertisement on page 4.—Advt.

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

EFFECTING A SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR MARR.

Annual Report of Chief Engineer Johnson—New Man Needed.

Joseph L. Munna, the able counsellor whose services Mr. Marr displayed good tact in securing in the settlement of the difficulties that have arisen in connection with the tax accounts, was present at the Township Committee meeting on Monday night, as was also Mr. Stevens, the accountant who made the examination of the Collector's books. With the assistance of those two gentlemen the Committee made much progress toward a settlement of the matter. Under Mr. Munna's judicious management and the desire of the Town Committee to act in a spirit of justice both to the town and Mr. Marr, the vexatious problem seems to be on a fair way towards a satisfactory settlement.

William A. Baldwin declined the work of making the examination of the books required under a resolution offered by Mr. Seibert. The Auditing Committee have made an arrangement with Mr. Stevens to do the work. Mr. Stevens says it will take about one day to do it.

Mr. Rayner, Chairman of the Fire Committee, presented the annual report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, T. Howell Johnson. It was an elaborate document, and the Chief was complimented on its completeness.

The following are some of the points touched on in the report: The Chief says that frequent tests of the water pressure have been made during the year. The service is not what it ought to be, and the Committee is urged to take such action as will bring about an improvement. The inability of the members of Excelsior Hose Company to hear the fire-bell, owing to their distance from the Centre, was referred to. The Chief stated that the National Paper Company had agreed to blow a steam whistle, providing the town would put a taper in the engine room. The Chief recommended that it be done. The enacting of a set of ordinances and rules governing the fire department was also recommended.

The principal recommendation in the report, and one which the Chief urges strenuously, is the purchase of new hose. Much of the hose in the department is in a bad condition. The Chief claims that 3,500 feet more is needed. The general condition of the department was reported as excellent.

Louis Johnson brought up the Halsey Vought case again, and requested the Committee to bring to a final determination the question whether Vought was or was not liable under his bond.

**Death of William Hill.**  
William Hill, sr., of No. 268 Montgomery Avenue, who was so terribly injured while jumping from a train at the Broad Street station of the D. L. & W. B. R. in Newark last Friday morning, died from his injuries at St. Michael's Hospital on Monday, at the age of sixty-three years. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon from his late residence. He was a member of Columbian Lodge I. O. O. F., the members of which and the members of Olive Branch Lodge I. O. O. F., attended the funeral in a body. A delegation of his fellow railroad employees were also present. The Rev. Mr. Cook of the First Baptist Church conducted the funeral services. Interment was made in Bloomfield Cemetery.

**Mr. Carl's Engagement.**  
Mr. Carl, who has been acting as a substitute organist in New York and Jersey City churches since his return from Paris, on Monday last received two very flattering offers—one from the Baptist Tabernacle, and the other from the First Presbyterian Church, at Fifth Avenue and Twelfth Street, New York city. He has accepted the latter, which is one of the most prominent positions in the country, and where there is a professional acquaintance. Mr. Carl will have full charge of the music, and will begin his new duties at once.

**Watessing's Free Library.**  
Fred C. Aucott, the well-known paper-hanger and house decorator, has just finished painting and decorating the interior of the Watessing Free Public Library rooms, and they now present a very attractive appearance. The books in the library have had new covers put on them and the institution has undergone a thorough renovation.

Parties contemplating giving up house-keeping and wishing to dispose of their household effects would do well to see Post and Moffat, public auctioneers, 278 Glenwood Avenue, who have elegant facilities for obtaining the highest prices for furniture, either by auction or private sale.—Advt.